CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for determining the torque on the crankshaft of an internal combustion engine comprising the steps of: determining the intake work of a cylinder in the respective working cycle in an intake period, determining the compression work of a cylinder in the respective working cycle during a compression period, determining the combustion work of the cylinder in a respective working cycle during a combustion period, determining the expulsion work of a cylinder in the respective working cycle during the exhaust period, and determining therefrom the work of the crankshaft in the respective working cycle of the engine.